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In re application of:

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International Business

Title: CONFIGURATION OF

Machines Corporation

COMPUTER SYSTEMS BASED UPON

11400 Burnet Road

PURCHASERS COMPONENT NEEDS AS

Austin, Texas 78758

DETERMINED FROM PURCHASER

DATA ENTRIES CORRELATED WITH

A SET OF SELLER BUSINESS

RULES TO OPTIMIZE QUANTITIES

OF EACH COMPONENT SOLD

Date:

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